

Salute To Class Of 1986

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Community
Calendar

American Legion Meets Tonight

American Legion Post No. 317 in Marshall will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall on Gudger (Back) Street in Marshall. All members are urged to attend and take part in the election of officers for the coming year.

Carl Story To Perform Friday Night

Carl Story and the Rambling Mountaineers will perform at the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. station house on Friday night at 7 p.m. This will be the band's final performance for Madison County audiences prior to their retirement.

Spring Creek VFD Auction

The Spring Creek VFD will sponsor an auction on Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the fire house.

Kirkpatrick Family Reunion Set

The annual Kirkpatrick family reunion will be held on June 29 in the Spring Creek VFD fire station from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Descendants of Jephtha and Martha Kirkpatrick and friends are invited to attend. For more information, contact Ethel Kirkpatrick at 627-7300.

Laurel VFD Flea Market Planned

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept. will sponsor a flea market at the fire hall on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the fire company.

Marshall Board Meets Monday Night

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Hot Springs Hires
New Policeman

By ANDREW FULLER

Hot Springs aldermen spent much of Monday's meeting in closed session discussing personnel matters.

The meeting began with a review of delinquent water customers. The board voted to disconnect water service to delinquent customers who have not paid their bill by June 9.

Alderman Gene Autry did not attend Monday's meeting at Town Hall.

Board member Donnie Franklin requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss a personnel matter. When they emerged from the secret meeting, the board voted to appoint Don Magrini as the town's new police officer.

The board also approved a new insurance policy to cover town property and will auction off a .38 caliber pistol as surplus property.

Town clerk Lillian Whitten then asked the aldermen to hold a second closed door meeting to discuss a personnel matter. When they emerged from the second 20-minute secret meeting, board members announced that Mrs. Whitten was resigning her position with the town. Board members praised Mrs. Whitten for her years of service to Hot Springs residents.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m. without taking any action on the town's 1986-87 budget. Mayor Kenny Ramsey is expected to call a special meeting to approve the town budget before the close of the fiscal year on June 30.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on July 7.

Farmers Sought For FmHA
County Committee

Eligible farmers in Madison County are invited to become nominees for the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) County Committee, FmHA County Supervisor, Douglas E. Taylor announced today.

As a result of the 1985 Farm Bill, two of the three members of FmHA County Committees must be elected. The third member is designated by FmHA. The Madison County Committee assists the FmHA county office in determining the eligibility of applicants for certain types of FmHA loans.

Generally, farmers who are residents of the county but not FmHA borrowers are eligible to become nominees for the FmHA County Committee.

For this first election only, two members will be elected at the same time. One member will be elected for a term of one year, and one member will be elected for a two-year term. In the future, all terms of service will be for three years each on a staggered basis.

Nominating petitions must be returned to the FmHA County office by June 10, 1986.

Additional information and application forms for those who are interested in becoming nominees for the County Committee are available at the FmHA county office, Griffin Building, Main Street, Marshall, N.C. or by calling 649-2821.

County Commissioners Cut
Property Tax Rate

By ROBERT KOENIG

The Madison County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to lower the county's ad valorem tax rate to 75 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, a cut of 15 cents in the present property tax rate. The decision came at the close of the board's monthly meeting following discussion of the county's 1986-87 budget.

The commissioners also cut Madison County tax collector Harold Wallin's salary by \$200 a month after meeting briefly with the tax collector. Wallin agreed to the cut in salary when he was told he would either have to take a cut or have his assistant cut from full-time to part-time.

After a lengthy, and sometimes heated discussion, the commissioners agreed to renew a contract with Yancey County for joint operation of the IV-D child support enforcement office.

Commission chairman James Ledford expressed opposition to continuing the contract and suggested that operation of the IV-D office be placed with the Madison County Dept. of Social Services.

Pat Miller, the IV-D investigator serving both counties, said it would be impossible to sever the contract on short notice and questioned why Ledford would want to change the present arrangement. Miller said the current joint agreement saves the county administrative expenses. After a lengthy discussion, Ervin Adams and Virginia Anderson agreed to continue the present arrangement. County attorney Larry Leake presented the commissioners with a letter from school superintendent Robert Edwards regarding the eviction notice the commissioners sent to the school board in May.

The day following their defeat in the May primary, the commissioners voted to order the Madison County Board of Education to vacate the offices in the courthouse and find other headquarters. The commissioners ordered the offices be vacated by June 1.

School board members responded by saying that the Board of Education has no other facilities available, suggesting they may have to move to either the old Ebb's Chapel or Beech

Glen School in order to comply with the eviction order.

In his letter to the commissioners, Edwards agreed that the Board of Education should relocate, but asked for an extension of the June 1 deadline.

Commission chairman James Ledford recommended that the county withhold school funds until the board of education vacates the courthouse offices. Larry Leake, who also served as the school board's attorney, suggested that the commissioners hold off on withholding funds until after July 1. On a motion by Virginia Anderson, the commissioners agreed to extend the deadline until July 1, after which time, county funds will be withheld.

Before making the motion, Anderson complained that the county has provided the school board with no-cost rent and janitorial services for many years. "They don't mention that when they say they need more money," she said.

The commission took no action on the school board's 1986-87 budget request during Monday's meeting. The

Board of Education has requested \$1,566,191 including \$250,000 for construction of new classrooms at Marshall Primary School.

The commissioners have discussed appropriating surplus funds from the school's 1985-86 budget for inclusion in the 1986-87 budget, a move school officials contend would result in a cash flow problem in August and September.

Leake told the commissioners that school officials are considering using most of the surplus funds for repairs and to replace desks and other furniture in the county's elementary schools.

In addition to the letter from the school superintendent, Leake presented a packet of requests submitted by the county's school superintendents for improvements at their respective schools. The school board was expected to take action on the requests during their monthly meeting on Wednesday.

The commissioners also made a number of appointments during Monday's meeting. Harold D. Anderson of

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Three Indicted On Seven
Sexual Offense Charges
Bond Is Set At \$150,000

Three Madison Countians, including a county employee currently under suspension, were indicted on Friday by the Madison County grand jury on sexual offense charges. All three had earlier been arrested on charges of taking indecent liberties with children following complaints filed by the parents of children formerly enrolled at the Marshall Day Care Center.

Indicted on seven counts each of engaging in a sexual offense with children by force were Andrew L. Chandler Jr., also known as Junior Chandler; Lathern Hensley, also known as Buddy Norton; and Pam Coli. Both Norton and Coli had been residents of the Mintz Rest Home prior to their arrests.

Chandler was a van driver employed by the Madison County Transportation Authority at the time the alleged offenses took place, sometime between January and last month. Chandler's duties including transporting day care children and clients of the Mountains of Madison project in Mars Hill. Chandler was

suspended from his county job hours after he was initially arrested back on May 19. He was re-arrested on a second charge of taking indecent liberties with a child on May 20.

Superior Court Judge Charles Lamm set bond for all three defendants at \$150,000 shortly after the indictments were handed down. Chandler was freed on bond on Friday night. No date for a hearing on the charges has been set.

The three were indicted following testimony by Linda Gail King, an investigator with the Madison County Dept. of Social Services and Dr. Andrea Gravett, an Asheville physician who examined the seven children. None of the children testified at the Friday's grand jury hearing.

In an unrelated matter, the grand jury refused to indict L.H. Cutshall on charges of voting in elections in 1982 and 1984. Cutshall, a convicted murderer, is ineligible to vote as a result of his conviction.

DOE Decision Postpones
N-Dump Issue 10 YearsBy BILL STUDENC
The Waynesville Mountaineer

Western North Carolina is off the hook as a candidate for a proposed nuclear waste repository site for at least 10 years, according to U.S. Department of Energy officials.

"Based on our review of information, it is the department's opinion that the nation need not consider a second repository until at least the mid 1990s—or much later," said U.S. Secretary of Energy John S. Herrington in a statement released late Wednesday.

The news fell on eager ears in WNC, where a 105-square mile area of Haywood, Buncombe and Madison counties was among 12 "potentially acceptable" repository sites

selected earlier this year by DOE.

And despite some worries that Herrington's announcement has not permanently removed the nuclear waste threat from WNC, U.S. Rep. Bill Hendon, R-N.C., says those fears are unfounded.

"We are so pleased that we haven't had time to sit back and rock yet," Hendon said in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C., Thursday. "There is just no question that it's great news for Western North Carolina. It's over."

Hendon said there would be no further studies of WNC as a potential nuclear waste dump site.

"Absolutely not. There is no sentiment for it in Congress. The decision was made (Wednesday) to

put nuclear waste in one of three areas in the West—Washington state, Nevada or Texas," he said.

"The plans are to expand that repository, and not to build another one, if we ever need the space. This thing is over. We are off the hook, and we are off the hook permanently," he said.

Despite Hendon's optimism, local groups which have opposed a WNC repository since DOE announced the list of 12 candidates in January are not so certain.

"There can be no celebrating now," said Dr. Robert Earnest of the Haywood Anti-dump Leadership Team (HALT). "We've won nothing. This is only a 10-year postponement and in essence we have

not been allowed our day in court."

Earnest said he believes information gathered by repository opponents would have resulted in the disqualification of the WNC site for geologic, economic and social reasons.

N.C. Gov. Jim Martin, in a Wednesday statement, said Herrington's announcement would "lift the cloud of anxiety that has hung over North Carolina."

A second site in North Carolina—in Wake, Johnston and Franklin counties near Raleigh—was also on DOE's list of candidates.

Martin punctuated his statement with his wish that DOE had ruled out both North Carolina sites as un-

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Mars Hill Aldermen Consider 1986-87 Town Budget

By WILLIAM LEE

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen heard from their former mayor William Powell, who expressed his dissatisfaction with the town's resolution not to allow sewer hookups outside the town limits.

Three or four of the businesses along Big Branch Road have already paid, at least for the water lines," Powell told the aldermen. "They set up temporary sewer disposal systems of their own, fully expecting to come on line once Mars Hill had its system operational."

The resolution, passed last month by the aldermen, placed a temporary moratorium on any sewer hookups outside the town limits. It was done on the understanding that the Dept. of

way to get property owners along Big Branch to petition for annexation into Mars Hill.

"It sounded like blackmail to me then, and it still does," said Alderman Ed Worley. Worley was all prepared to rescind the resolution but was unable to get a second to his motion.

Board Chairman John Chandler, acting as presiding officer in Mayor Owen Tilson's absence, agreed that builders of Pizza Inn had been told before they would be able to hookup. However he saw no reason the town couldn't ask for them to enter in before allowing for sewer lines. He said he had heard no objections from any of the property owners to annexation.

Powell. "Exception was made for Madison Manor, and its lines paid with county tax monies. In a way, then, we all have paid for the Mars Hill sewer system."

Augusta Jenkins suggested the board determine if there was some dissatisfaction with the town's resolution.

"But we need to put the burden on them to come to us with pros and cons, rather than each of us going out and getting different impressions," Jenkins said. "Until then we should keep the resolution intact."

Powell suggested that if the sewer system is not built up the way it was supposed to be it wouldn't pay for itself. He suggested that the current rate be increased and Mars Hill and the town north of Big Branch Road be made it feasible.

Powell also told the board that some of the temporary systems were failing and those businesses needed to have hookup available in the very near future.

The board of aldermen, following Jenkins suggestion, voted to hold a public hearing on Monday, June 23, to hear from property owners along Big Branch Road.

The June 23 meeting will also serve as a workshop meeting for the board to finalize its 1986-87 budget.

As currently proposed the budget calls for no new tax increases, but does anticipate an increase in revenue due mainly to increased utility franchise fees with its sewer system. Total anticipated revenue is \$1,100,000.

As currently proposed, the budget calls for expenditures as follows:

Governing Body, \$13,000; Administration, \$71,750; Elections, \$15; Tax listing, \$500; Tax Collections, \$750; Public Buildings, \$38,888; Police Department, \$82,900; Fire Department, \$35,057; Streets, \$54,180; Powell Bill Expenditures, \$74,000; Sanitation, \$35,450; Recreation, \$17,650; and Library, \$5,500.

Listed separately are expected revenues and expenditures for the sewer and water system. From water and sewer charges, tap fees, and other expected funds, revenues are anticipated at \$80,000.

Expenditures broken down in two categories are \$131,700 for administration, engineering and billing, and \$44,300 for operation and maintenance.

In other news, the Board of Education, an arm of the county government, is currently representing 27 public schools

investors concerned with developing an apartment complex just off Big Branch Road, behind the Phil-Co Hardware warehouse.

Boone showed the board general plans for the development which calls for 45 apartment units, 20 one bedroom apartments and 25 two bedroom apartments. Boone asked the board to approve rezoning of the property for multi-family use.

The apartments as proposed will be what is termed co-op apartments with residents or investors buying in to the syndicate group as a limited partnership. The developers would retain five percent ownership according to Boone, but he did not say